

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 12, please replace the second paragraph on lines 5-14 with the following paragraph:

"In reference to FIG. 3 brake actuator assembly 40 consists of at least one air spring actuator 50 disposed within pushrod/shield member 60 and a mounting bracket member, generally designated 80. At least one air spring 52 is substantially attached to a first substantially vertical surface 54 and an opposed second surface 56 substantially coplanar to said first substantially vertical surface 54. A pushrod/shield 60 is connected to the first substantially vertical surface 54 of the air spring 52 wherein at least one mounting member 58 will cooperate with at least one mounting cavity 68 disposed within first substantially vertical surface 66 of said pushrod/shield 60.

On page 14, please replace the third paragraph on lines 9-21 with the following paragraph:

"At least one cavity 74 is provided in at least one force transfer lever engaging portion 72 of such pushrod/shield 60 for connection with force-transfer levers 14 and 16 by pins 19. In further reference to FIG. 3, pushrod/shield 60 having second and

third surface portions 64, ~~and~~ 76, and 77 substantially horizontal to first substantially vertical surface portion 66 protects air spring actuator 50 from foreign objects during railway vehicle movement. First edge portion 70 and second edge portion 78 engage first edge portion 84 and second edge portion 94 respectively of the mounting bracket 80 for guiding the air spring actuator 50 during reciprocal movement of such air spring actuator 50 to provide for linkage bail and/or misalignment without applying loads to the air spring actuator 50".